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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BENTIVOLIO).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 23, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KERRY BENTIVOLIO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

### HONORING THE MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Marine Corps Association was founded on April 25, 1913, in Guantanamo, Cuba, by marines of the 2nd Provisional Brigade. John A. Lejeune, then a lieutenant colonel, headed the Marine Corps Association's first executive committee.

In a statement signed by members of the committee, Lejeune and his fellow officers declared that the Marine Corps

Association would publish the history of the Marine Corps and disseminate "information concerning the aims, purposes and deeds of the Corps, and the interchange of ideas for the betterment and improvement of its officers and men."

The Marine Corps Gazette was introduced in March 1916 as a vehicle used to establish the Marine Corps Association as the professional organization of all marines and to establish a venue to debate issues of importance to the Corps and disseminate military art and science to association members.

In 1976, the Leatherneck Association, publishers of Leatherneck—Magazine of the Marines, merged with the Marine Corps Association in a partnership that has proven beneficial to both organizations.

In 2009, the Marine Corps Association founded the Marine Corps Association Foundation in order to provide more support to professional programs for marines, which include: awards—over 10,600 were provided in 2011 alone—battlefield studies, professional military education forums, and Commanders' Unit Libraries with books from the Commandant's Professional Reading List.

In June 2012, when the Montford Point Marines were being honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, it was the Marine Corps Association Foundation that stepped to the plate and found funding so that each of those historic marines could receive their own replica of the commemorative medal.

In its first year of existence, MCA boasted membership of 91, and today there are over 80,000 members worldwide. The Marine Corps Association and Foundation should be commended for their exemplary work and commitment to Active Duty, Reserve, and wounded marines.

I also note their outstanding efforts in providing our wounded marines with the same programs they provide for Ac-

tive and Reserve marines. For over 100 years, participation in the Marine Corps Association has supported our Active Duty marines, during peacetime and wartime.

In closing, I want to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Marine Corps Association and its Foundation, and honor the contributions they have made and continue to make to the lives of marines stationed throughout the world.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I'd like to close as I always do. I ask God to please bless our men and women in uniform. I ask God to please bless the families of our men and women in uniform.

I ask God, in His loving arms, to hold the families who've given a child dying in Afghanistan and Iraq.

I ask God to please bless the House and the Senate, that we would do what is right in the eyes of God for God's people today and God's people tomorrow.

And I ask God to please bless the President, that he will do what is right in the eyes of God for God's people today and God's people tomorrow.

And remember the tragedies in Boston and in Texas, Dear God.

I close by saying, God, please, God, please, God, please continue to bless America.

### TECHNOLOGY MAY CHANGE, BUT THE CONSTITUTION DOES NOT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week Americans across the fruited plain filed their taxes with everyone's favorite government agency—the IRS, or the Internal Revenue Service, as it is called. But the IRS' job is just beginning. Now they will put their police hats on.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, I learned something disturbing that most Americans probably are unaware of. Let's say

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